

# HISTORY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY MARYLAND

INCLUDING

ITS ABORIGINAL HISTORY; THE COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD; ITS SETTLEMENT BY THE WHITE RACE AND SUBSEQUENT GROWTH; A DESCRIPTION OF ITS VALUABLE MINING, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS; SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS; MASTER SPIRITS; CHARACTER SKETCHES OF FOUNDERS; MILITARY AND PROFESSIONAL MEN, ETC.

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TO THIS IS ADDED A BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES, PREPARED FROM DATA OBTAINED FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

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few educational advantages, commencing work in the mines at Eckhart when but nine years old. He followed that kind of occupation for the next fourteen years, at the end of that period going to Mount Savage, Allegany county, to learn the trade of machinist. Conditions due to Civil War, however, made it necessary to close the shops before the completion of his apprenticeship, and he turned to railroad work, taking a position as fireman on the Eckhart branch of the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad, later becoming an engineer. After fourteen years at railroad work, he gave it up in 1882 to embark in the mercantile business on his own account, opening the store at Eckhart Mines, which he conducted during the remainder of his life—for over thirty-five year. His death occurred May 14, 1917. Mr. Byrnes started business on a very small scale, having little capital to operate with, but he used his means and credit wisely as trade expanded, and his list of patrons grew, until he had a well stocked store, carrying a good line of dry goods, groceries and hardware especially. It has been a popular trading center for the territory about Eckhart Mines for many years, and his sons, who became associated with their father some years ago, are now continuing the business along the lines which he found best for success. They could do no better than adhere to the policy of honorable dealing and accommodating service which he followed. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Frostburg and a Democrat in his political views.

On June 21, 1886, Mr. Byrnes was married to Miss Elizabeth Sullivan, of Eckhart, Maryland, daughter of Michael Sullivan, and ten children were born to this union; Bernard J., who married Miss Loretta Maher, and have one son, John J.; Eleanor, engaged as bookkeeper by the Imperial Company of Cumberland; Anna A., wife of Joseph Brown, of Frost-

burg; Michael J., married Catherine C. McGuire and have a son, Michael; Gregory P.; Margaret Mary; John J. Jr; Leo S., and William B.

Bernard J., Michael J. and Gregory P. have all been assisting their father in the general store, as partners in the business. Bernard J. and Michael J. Byrnes are Democrats and active workers in the local ranks of the party. They are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Frostburg and of the Knights of Columbus, Bernard J. Byrnes being particularly prominent in the local lodge of that fraternity. The business is still conducted under the name of J. J. Byrnes.

JAMES CAMPBELL, a venerable resident of Barton, Allegany county, for many years an honored public official in this section of Maryland, and also at Baltimore, has gained a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens generally by fidelity to the many trusts which have been reposed in him. Though he had to make his own way in life from an early age, without any of the advantages of good education or vocational training, he has measured up to the full responsibilities of citizenship, business and social and domestic relations, taking a man's part in the work of the world and contributing his full share to its general well-being.

Mr. Campbell is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born July 3, 1844, son of Joseph and Catherine (Dalrympel) Campbell, both of whom are now deceased. They came from the land of their birth and located at Pompey Smash (now Vale Summit), Allegany county, Maryland, in 1853, making a permanent settlement in this region. Joseph Campbell was a stonemason and found plenty of work at his trade here, one piece of construction upon which he was employed being the arch bridge of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Bloomington, Maryland, across

the Potomac River. He died at the age of sixty-five years. Of his eight children, seven grew to maturity.

James Campbell was reared in the Georges Creek region, and in his early boyhood was sent to school for a short time. But he began work regularly when thirteen years old, digging coal, and followed that occupation in the Franklin, Pekill and Detmold Mines in this locality until the breaking out of the Civil War, in which he served three years, though under the required age when the conflict started. When Lincoln called for soldiers to defend the Union, in 1861, he enlisted, being assigned to the Second Maryland Infantry, and was honorably discharged in 1864, after three years of hard service. He was in General Kelly's command.

When he left the army he returned to Barton and resumed coal mining for a time. But he had other ambitions, and in 1870 engaged in the regular mercantile business on his own account in that town, continuing it for several years. He has had a long record in the public service, three years in the war of 1861-65; four years as a Coal and Wood Inspector; eight years as Assistant Appraiser; eight years Deputy Surveyor; making twenty-three years in the National Government's service and ten years in Maryland Legislature—a total of thirty-three years in public service.

Always a staunch Republican, and one of the regular party workers for the last half century, he has again and again been a popular candidate on its ticket, drawing its full strength and more to his support. He has five times been chosen to represent Allegany county in the House of Delegates, in the Fall elections of 1896, 1898, 1916, 1918 and 1920, having recently completed his fifth term. During Benjamin Harrison's administration he received the appointment of Coal and Wood Inspector for the United States Navy

Yard at Washington, D. C. (1889). President McKinley appointed him Assistant United States Appraiser at the port of Baltimore in 1897, and after eight years service there in that capacity he was transferred in 1906 by President Roosevelt to the office of Deputy Surveyor of the Port of Baltimore, where he remained another period of eight years. At its close he was returned to the House of Delegates once more, as already related. During that period he was elected and served as Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Maryland in 1904, and he was one of a Commission whose names are inscribed on a monument erected in Druid Hill Park, Mt. Royal Entrance, in memory of the Union Soldiers of Maryland, 1908, war of 1861-65. His name was also inscribed on one of the ten cannons at Fort McHenry in 1907.

Though Mr. Campbell had limited schooling, he has made the lack good by application and the exercise of his unusually keen powers of observation, and in all his associations has succeeded in doing work that compared favorably with that of his confreres. He is thoroughly identified with the activities of his home town, a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Barton, a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge there, and in the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church.

On May 28, 1866, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Emily Frumhart, of Newburg, West Virginia, daughter of John Frumhart, and they have had the unusual felicity of celebrating the golden anniversary of their wedding. We have the following record of their eight children: Catherine, deceased, was married to John Paton; William, Hagerstown, Maryland, is one of the leading physicians and surgeon of his community; George D. is engaged as a druggist at Lonaconing, Maryland; Joseph, twin of John, residing at Akron, Ohio, employed by the

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.; John is a member of the guard at the District Jail at Washington, D. C.; James is a carpenter by vocation and resides at Westernport, Md.; Thomas D. of Piedmont, W. Va., is a merchant and is president of the Hoffa Brothers Coal Company of Barton and is also interested in mines in other localities; Emily, who resides in Newark, Del., is the wife of John S. Shaw, a graduate chemist, educated at Johns Hopkins University, and at present Assistant Superintendent of the Hercules Powder Company, of San Francisco, California. (Mrs. Shaw is a graduate of the Maryland College of Physicians and Surgeons.)

**COL. JOHN KEATING.**—Among the successful business men of Western Maryland, Col. John Keating ranks well to the fore. In business and financial circles, Col. Keating, whose home is in Cumberland, has been for years, and still is, an important member, and is generally recognized and respected as a man of probity, whose standing as a resident in his home city is unquestioned.

Col. John Keating is one of the last men to seek publicity. His whole life has been devoted to his business interests, in the success of which he well may be proud. He is an active man today, in the prime of life. His energy is witnessed by his executive connection with several of the most important city and out of city business and financial interests. Col. Keating, it may said, has three hobbies: first, business; second, his home; third, he dearly loves to dabble in politics,—he is a Democrat whose standing is high at home and throughout the State of Maryland. He was a delegate from Maryland to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco. He went there an avowed Cox man, and voted for Cox from start to finish. That's Col. Keating, the man—a genial, even-tempered, well-versed and public-spirited man, plain, without

any frills, a good mixer, a staunch friend, a worker today, just as he was years ago when he started as clerk in a grocery store, following education in a private school.

A brief write-up such as this needs no flowery language to tell of Col. John Keating, the man. Of Irish descent and proud of it, he displays the energetic traits of the Emerald Isle combined with a staunch Americanism that goes without question. His whole business career is centered in and around Cumberland, Maryland, yet in Virginia, where he was born, and in Baltimore where he is well known, the Keating name is highly rated.

The subject of this sketch, John Keating, was born December 16, 1862, at Winchester, Virginia, son of Catherine and John Keating, the latter having been born in Ireland. Col. Keating was not born with a golden spoon in his mouth. To his credit let it be said, he was a poor boy, who, following a period of private schooling until he was fourteen, has had to work and did work daily, climbing slowly but surely the ladder of success. When he came to Cumberland in 1879, at the age of sixteen, he became bookkeeper at the James Clark Company here, of which his half-brother, James Clark, was the owner. In 1888, he was made a member of the company, and when the company was reorganized in 1895. Col. Keating became vice-president and treasurer of the James Clark Distilling Company. He held this official position with the company uninterruptedly until the business was closed of recent years, and, undoubtedly, the growth of the business was due to Col. Keating's efforts in happy cooperation with Mr. James Clark.

Col. Keating's other business connections of importance are as follows:

He has been secretary and treasurer of the Cumberland Brewing Company since its organization in 1889.

In the field of finance Col. Keating's